January 26 – February 1, 2023 NEWS YOU CAN USE, NEWS YOU CAN TRUST 75¢

THE EAGLE

A PUBLICATION OF ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPERS OF MICHIGAN

THE BELLEVILLE ENTERPRISE • THE CANTON EAGLE • THE INKSTER LEDGER STAR • THE NORTHVILLE EAGLE
THE PLYMOUTH EAGLE • THE ROMULUS ROMAN • THE WAYNE EAGLE • THE WESTLAND EAGLE

No. 04 www.associatednewspapers.net

THE BELLEVILLE ENTERPRISE
Vol. 138, No. 04

Sheena Barnes, also known as Sheena Devina Green, 62, appeared for arraignment in 34th District Court Jan. 12 on charges of malicious use of the telephone.

See page 5.

THE CANTON EAGLE
Vol. 76, No. 04

Public safety vs. personal privacy is expected to be the topic of discussion at a Town Hall meeting in Canton Township concerning digital license plate readers.

See page 3.

THE INKSTER LEDGER STAR
Vol. 76, No. 04

Area library professionals are asked to check out the open position at the Leanna Hicks Public Library in Inkster where a new director is being sought.

See page 5.

THE NORTHVILLE EAGLE
Vol. 23, No. 04

New Hope Center for Grief Support received a grant of $50,000 from The Margaret Dunning Foundation to be paid over two years.

See page 6.

THE PLYMOUTH EAGLE
Vol. 23, No. 04

The man suspected in the shooting death of a Plymouth woman last week has been found dead of a self- inflicted gunshot wound, according to a police report.

See page 4.

THE ROMULUS ROMAN
Vol. 138, No. 04

Romulus Mayor Robert McCraight is hoping for a "sweeping success" during the Sixth Annual Curling Royale Tournament this year.

See page 6.

THE WAYNE EAGLE
Vol. 76, No. 04

Members of the Wayne City Council welcomed new Firefighter Nickolas DeCeuninck to the Wayne Fire Department last week.

See page 3.

THE WESTLAND EAGLE
Vol. 76, No. 04

Michael P. Londeau, formerly council president pro tem, was selected by fellow city council members to serve as the mayor of Westland until November.

See page 2.

Harness racetrack is proposed in Plymouth

A new harness racing track in Plymouth Township is apparently at the starting gate as plans were expected to be submitted to the planning commission this week.

According to township records, representatives of Northville Downs submitted a check for $5,600 for four application fees and another check for $9,100 to be placed in escrow as plans for the $25 million project are reviewed by members of the planning commission. Approval by the planning commission would send the project to the township board of trustees for consideration.

The racetrack is proposed at a 128-acre site near Five Mile and Ridge Road. The site was formerly designated as the Ridge Five Corporate Park, but no development took place and the site is now vacant land. Only 52 acres of the site are suitable for building as the remainder is protected wetlands, according to township records.

Plymouth Township Building Department Coordinator Cheri Palmachuk confirmed that the conceptual plans for the sulky racing track would be on the Feb. 15 planning commission agenda. She said the plans would be on file and publicly accessible on the second floor at Plymouth Township Hall and that the plans would also be available on the township planning commission website for public review.

The Northville Downs property was sold to Hunter Pasteur in 2018 for a multi-million-dollar development which will include retail, office, condominiums and luxury homes, along with a park and the daylighting of the river in downtown Northville. Racing at the Northville Downs track has continued as plans for the major development move through the approval process in the City of Northville.

The plans for the Plymouth site include construction of a half-mile oval harness racetrack; a two-story, 4,900-square-foot grandstand with a patio for viewing; a 23,000-square-foot racing building; a 35,000 square foot horse barn and a 3,200 square foot maintenance building. In addition, plans include a 54,000-square-foot gaming facility to be constructed during a future phase of development. Any casino or racino gambling would require state approval.

The plans to seek casino or racino gambling permits have been questioned by Township Trustee John Stewart, who said he is not sure such plans will meet with success in the current social and political environment.

"It appears that Supervisor (Kurt) Heise and Gary Heitman

See **Track,** page 4

41st Annual Ice Festival set to begin next week

> *"This is just a real community event, designed for families, but with attractions for everyone."*

The "coolest" festival in Plymouth will begin with a very special event this year.

Just ahead of the official opening of the 41st Annual Plymouth Ice Festival, Miracle League of Plymouth will host a Preview Party in Kellogg Park for special needs families. The sensory-friendly event will take place from 6:30 until 8 p.m. Feb. 2, the evening before the official opening of the event set for Feb. 3.

Michigan Magician Jeff Wawrzaszek will be performing magic tricks as he walks between the ice sculptures open for viewing and One Spot Theater will perform. Also planned are winter-themed arts and crafts along with games offering prizes for participants. Ice blocks will be available to touch and other ice-related fun is planned, organizers said, along with warm refreshments.

The event is free and is sponsored by Thrivent, although tickets will be required and are available for individuals with disabilities or limitations and their families of all ages. One ticket is needed for each person attending, organizers said. For ticket registration or more information, email Stacey@miracleleagueofplymouth.com.

James Gietzen, owner of JAG Entertainment, who produces the event said this was a real addition to the event and he was very pleased to help offer the sensory conscious event. "It just allows more people to enjoy the ice," he said.

"The festival is designed to bring people out of their homes during the winter months," Gietzen said, "and this preview event provides that opportunity to those who might otherwise miss the ice carving. This is a family-friendly, community-oriented event that brings people out into the fresh air and provides something fun to enjoy during the winter months. As many people as possible should be able to enjoy it," he added.

When the event opens on Friday, there will be smaller sculptures, but more of them throughout downtown and in front of nearly every business, Geitzen said. Gietzen said distributing the sculptures throughout the downtown offers audiences a chance to see the art of the sculptors without the crush of crowds. He noted that people can enjoy the ice works at their own pace which can be a real advantage to families with younger children.

The weather, of course, is always the largest element of the event. If it is too cold, families hesitate to come out. If it is too warm or rains, the sculptures melt. Gietzen said, however, that when it got unseasonably warm one year, crowds didn't seem to diminish much. He said that families come for the atmosphere and to have something to do outside.

This year, the traditional attractions will fill the streets, including the exceptionally popular petting farm which draws huge crowds, Gietzen said. One added feature is the addition of warming stations.

"The Hot Spot near the Gathering sponsored by Ehlers will be open during the event," Gietzen said, "and there will be food vendors, drinks, face painting and bathrooms available there." This year, two more warming stations have been added. One at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC) on Main Street across from the library. Gietzen said that a hallway in the former school building will feature an art exhibit people can enjoy while getting out of the cold. "United Way will also be open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. both

See **Festival,** page 4

James Gietzen

Westland

Councilmembers choose Londeau as new mayor

Michael P. Londeau has been chosen as the ninth mayor of the City of Westland.

Londeau, the president pro tem of the Westland City Council, was selected by his fellow council members to serve as mayor until November, when voters will choose a candidate to complete the remaining two years of former Mayor William R. Wild's term of office.

Westland resident and current State Rep. Kevin Coleman has announced that he will seek the mayoral term for a second time. He was defeated in his last bid for the office which pays $126,281 annually by Wild.

Wild resigned the mayoral position after 16 years to become president and CEO of the Midwest Independent Retailers Association.

> *Londeau, 44, is a lifelong resident of the city, was elected to the city council in 2017.*

Londeau, 44, is a lifelong resident of the city, was elected to the city council in 2017. He also served as the chairman of the Westland Downtown Development Authority and was a member of the Westland Master Plan Steering Committee and a member of the Westland Youth Assistance Advisory Committee. He also served on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council and numerous other city committees. He also volunteered with several local non-profit organizations, according to a prepared statement from the city.

Following his election by a 5-2 vote of his fellow council members, Londeau said, "I never thought that my life's journey would lead me here ... I just want all you guys to know that it's an honor and privilege that I will not take lightly."

The dissenting votes came from Councilman James Godbout, who was also nominated for the mayoral position and Councilman Peter Herzberg.

In his prepared statement, the new mayor said, "It is truly an honor to be the mayor of the city I have spent my whole life in. I want to thank the Westland City Council for this opportunity. I look forward to demonstrating my work ethic and results-driven agenda to our 85,000 residents."

The council members chose Councilwoman Andrea Rutkowski as the council president pro tem, Londeau's former assignment on the council. Delano Hornbuckle, a member of the Westland Planning Commission was appointed to fill the vacant seat on the city council.

Mayor Michael Londeau

Driver who injured teen arrested, faces felony charge

An Ypsilanti woman is facing a felony charge in the hit-and-run incident that critically injured a 15-year-old Westland girl.

Gianna Mariah Harris was arraigned on a felony count of failure to stop at the scene of a serious injury accident on Dec. 9 in Wayne County Circuit Court. A not guilty plea was entered on her behalf.

The incident took place at about 6:45 a.m. Dec. 8 near Newburgh and Marquette. According to a witness statement, a truck had passed through a red light at the intersection when an SUV also drove through the red light. The witness, stopped at the light in the northbound lane, told police she heard a thud and then saw the child laying in the street. The witness said she attempted to help the girl as did the driver of a Wayne Westland district school bus who was stopped on Marquette.

The 15-year-old was identified as Aalyiah Rasheed-Wiley, a sophomore on her way to class at John Glenn High School. She was rushed to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia and later transferred to Children's Hospital in Detroit with traumatic brain injuries.

> *Harris posted bond and remains under house arrest wearing an electronic tether.*

Police reports indicate that Harris' husband called police about 8 hours after the accident and said his wife admitted she had hit something on her way home. Police interviewed Harris at her Ypsilanti home where, according to police reports, she told police she was distracted by her daughter in the back seat and that she thought she might have hit a deer but continued her drive her 2011 Chevy Equinox to Ypsilanti with a shattered windshield.

She did not stop at the scene of the accident. Michigan State Police analysis of data recovered from Harris' vehicle indicate there was a braking attempt a half second prior to the impact and that the vehicle was traveling at 47 m.p.h.

Harris posted bond and remains under house arrest wearing an electronic tether. Her next court date was not set at press time.

At last report, the teen, who suffered traumatic brain injuries, is still being treated at Children's Hospital

New chief named

Darrell Stamper has been named Chief of the Westland Fire Department. Stamper began his career in 2000 as a firefighter and was promoted to battalion chief, deputy chief and was promoted to the position of fire chief last week. City officials said that Stamper has gained the knowledge and experience to lead the department through his rise through the ranks and congratulated him on his promotion.

Retiring firefighter earns thanks

Westland Fire Department Sgt./Engineer Anthony Pizzini has officially retired from the department, serving his final shift last week.

Members of Firefighters Local 1279 posted congratulations and best wishes for a "long, healthy and happy retirement" to Pizzini on the official department Facebook page.

"Local 1279 appreciates your hard work and dedication to our local and the citizens of Westland.

"Now go enjoy that retirement," the union members posted.

To subscribe to The Eagle visit www.associatednewspapers.net.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 9, 2023 for the following:

LASER-READY BALLFIELD GROOMER

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

Publish 1/26/2023

CN2472 - 012623 2.5 x 2.052

TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER
Township Facilities Assessment
&
Space Utilization

The Township of Sumpter, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, is seeking sealed bids for Facilities Assessment of specific structures and Space Utilization for those structures deemed viable.

Specific structures:
TOWNSHIP HALL
TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER
TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENTS 1 & 2
OLD TOWN HALL / DPW OFFICE(S)
DOG KENNEL STRUCTURE

Bids must include the following:
- Employer Federal Tax I.D.
- Copy of Business License
- General Liability Insurance naming Sumpter Township as an additional insured. To be provided also from each contractor, if subcontractors are used.
- Specify when you can begin and fully complete this project.
- Full Project Plan as recommended by the Bidding Source.
- Bid documents and location(s) information available from the Clerk's Office at the Township address above or online from the Township Website at:

www.sumptertwp.org/DEPARTMENTS/CLERK'S OFFICE

- Sealed bids to be submitted to Township Clerk's Office by February 24th, 2023 at 2:00 pm. Bids are to be opened on February24th, 2023, at 3:00 pm.

Esther Hurst, Clerk
(734) 461-6201

Posted: January 20, 2023
Published: January 26, 2023 - The Eagle

ST0138 - 01 26 23 2.5 x 4.116

Classified

TO PLACE YOUR CLASSIFIED AD CALL 734-467-1900

1. Obituaries

Bernard A. Stothers

Bernard A. Stothers, 84 of Ionia, passed away Jan. 4, 2023.

Mr. Stothers was born on Jan. 20, 1938, in Nankin Township, to Merritt R and Gertrude B Stothers.
He was raised in Wayne and attended Wayne Memorial High School. He proudly served his country in the Army, spending time in Korea and after he returned, he married the love of his life, Sandy (Reid) Stothers. Together they raised their sons; Brent and Shann.

Mr. Stothers was a hard worker, always finding ways to support his family. He was an avid reader and spent a great deal of time reading books of all kinds. He had a strong interest in history and enjoyed being outdoors, especially camping and canoeing.
He was a devoted caregiver to his wife during her extended illness, losing her shortly after their 52nd anniversary.
Mr. Stothers was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and five brothers.
He will be greatly missed by all surviving family members.

Cremation has taken place and there are no services at this time. Arrangements were entrusted to Lake Funeral Home of Ionia. Online condolences may be made at www.lakefuneralhomes.com

59. Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION
MARTINS' TOWING
17180 DIX TOLEDO RD
BROWNSTOWN,
MI 48193
FEBRUARY 1, 2023
10:00 AM

2010 TOYOTA
4T4BF3EK2AR021558
2009 GMC
1GKER23D19J210690
2012 DODGE
1C3CDZAG4CN258843
2013 CHRYSLER
1C3CCBBB0DN575310
2011 CHEVROLET
1G1ZC5E15BF337737
2007 MAZDA
JM1BK32F071703463
2006 CHEVROLET
1G1AK15F667863573
1994 HONDA
1HFSC2233RA602066
2012 CHEVROLET
1G1ZC5E02CF238530
2008 SUBARU
JF1SG66658H706970
2011 HYUNDAI
5XYZGDAB9BG038334
2003 FORD
2FAFP74W03X180962
2010 FORD
2FMDK4JC2ABB19630
2001 HONDA
1HGES267X1L066735
2010 HYUNDAI
5NPEU4AF4AH609777
2002 CHRYSLER
2C8GP54L82R518196
2015 CHEVROLET
1G11A5SL5FF301609
2016 CHEVROLET
1G1ZE5ST3GF197503
2017 JEEP
1C4NJDEB0HD139912
2010 DODGE
1D7RV1GT9AS187779
2014 BUICK
1G4GC5G33EF184532
2012 CHRYSLER
2C3CCAET4CH147259
2011 DODGE
2B3CJ4DG5BH571122

American Red Cross
In the time it takes to watch a football game, 5,760 people will need blood or platelets.
Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood or platelets. Give now.

CANTON - WAYNE

Town Hall meeting set to discuss plate readers

Public safety vs. personal privacy is expected to be the topic of discussion at a Town Hall meeting in Canton Township.

Members of the board of trustees have scheduled the discussion for 7 p.m. Feb. 7 at township hall when police officials will explain the benefits and resources of installing license plate readers at Michigan Avenue and Beck Road, a high traffic retail location in the township. The Canton Police Department received a $40,710 grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance which would cover the cost and installation of the four devices proposed.

> *"The driver of the vehicle is not photographed and the information is restricted to law enforcement agencies.*

The cameras take photographs of vehicles as they pass, recording the license plate number, date and time. The License Plate Reader (LPR) also records the make, model and color of the vehicle and the data is stored for use by law enforcement agencies. The driver of the vehicle is not photographed and the information is restricted to law enforcement agencies, officials told the trustees. The cameras do not record names, addresses or any other personal information about the drivers or passengers, although that information can be obtained by a secondary investigation, if warranted, police said.

The plate numbers recorded by the LPRs are checked against a list of license numbers associated with crimes and alert police to wanted vehicles. Types of crimes with license plates listed might include wanted subjects, stolen vehicles, amber alerts, missing persons or those on a terrorist watch list.

Police said the area in question sees about 30,000 vehicles a day and the multiple large retailers in the area report a majority of retail fraud cases to the department. Stores near the intersection include Walmart, Home Depot and Target.

Police told police that during a test of the cameras in May, the department was able to assist in the arrest of a man facing sexual conduct charges and another individual facing drunk driving charges. The cameras would also help with police efficiency as they are operational 24-hours every day.

Trustees were cautious regarding approving the installation of the devices noting privacy concerns, particularly in the current social environment. They asked if the information collected by the devices would be subject to Freedom of Information Act requests or if any of the devices or components were of Russian or Chinese manufacture.

Trustees agreed that the installation of the cameras was a valuable law enforcement tool but suggested that more discussion and public opinion would be advisable considering the possible privacy implications, although the readers have been in use in the township since 2018, according to the official police website.

The Town Hall meeting is open to the public and there will be an opportunity for public input and questions. Questions may be emailed in advance to chad.baugh@cantonmi.gov.

According to police, the readers are currently being used by Michigan State Police, Warren, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Kalamazoo, Southfield, Flint, Jackson, Wyoming, Ecorse, Lincoln Park, Troy, Sterling Heights, Chesterfield Township, Van Buren, Metro Airport, Livingston County, Grosse Ile, Grosse Pointe Park and the Oakland County Sheriff.

Mating season

Residents warned of dangerous coyotes

Local veterinarians and animal experts have issued a warning to area pet owners regarding coyotes.

According to a recent bulletin from one local veterinarian, the next four to six weeks is mating season for coyotes who are prevalent in the area.

The animal experts cautioned local owners that there is a danger in allowing pets, particularly smaller dogs, outside alone. A usual scenario is the coyote tempting a dog to chase him as the pack of awaits out of sight to attack.

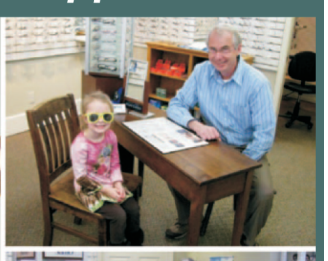
"The outcome is tragic as they (coyotes) can and will attack/kill your pets. Just be aware it can happen to your beloved pet," the bulletin cautioned.

Coyote breeding typically peaks in late February and early March and the gestation period averages 58 to 63 days. Male coyotes can become more aggressive during this time of year and while all coyotes pose a risk to dogs (and other small pets), the risk increases during mating season.

Welcome to Wayne

Members of the Wayne City Council welcomed new Firefighter Nickolas DeCeuninck to the 18-man Wayne Fire Department last week. DeCeuninck took his official oath of employment with the city from Wayne City Clerk Tina Rowe. All of the Wayne Fire and EMS staff are cross-trained in firefighting and paramedic level services, according to the department website.

Special limited hours - Call for an appointment



IS IT TIME TO GET YOUR VISION CHECKED?

DON'T PUT IT OFF..COME IN AND SEE US.

forest place optical

• Exams • Glasses • Contacts

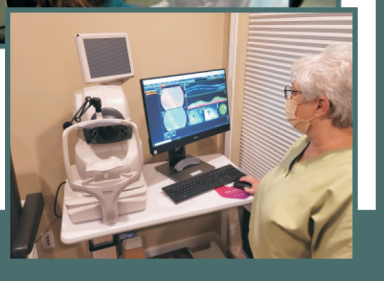
Dr. Glenn M. Young - Optometrist

At Forest Place Optical Dr. Young stresses the Doctor-Patient relationship.

Your appointment will include a Vision Exam and an Eye Health Evaluation.

You will be screened for Glaucoma and Cataracts. Dr. Young will also look at the health of your Optic Nerve, Retina and Macula.

If a prescription is needed, we want to give you the most clear, comfortable vision for your daily tasks.



550 Forest Ave, #12 · Plymouth, MI 48170
734-455-3340
Convenient parking!
Servicing Plymouth for over 25 years

M & W 9:30am-7pm
T, TH, F 9:30am-6pm
Sat 9am-2pm

www.forestplaceoptical.com

VETERAN'S ICE TENT

IN THE BIG HEATED TENT BEHIND E.G. NICK'S ON FOREST AVENUE

ICE TENT OPENS AT 7 P.M.

FEB. 3 LIVE BANDS FEB. 4
FRIDAY & SATURDAY

FRIDAY 8PM-MIDNIGHT

ATOMIC RADIO

SATURDAY - 8PM-MIDNIGHT

POWER PLAY

RENEGADE STAGING, LLC
ICE BAR & LOUNGE
PINK WHITNEY BY NEW AMSTERDAM VODKA
Friday 5p.m., Sat & Sunday Noon
$5 COVER CHARGE DONATED TO VIETNAM VETERANS OF PLYMOUTH
THE BEST PARTY IN PLYMOUTH
NEW AMSTERDAM

SPONSORED AND PRESENTED BY:

RumChata · Miller Lite · TRULY HARD SELTZER · CROSSCOUNTRY MORTGAGE · NEW AMSTERDAM VODKA · Dogfish Head Craft Brewed Ales · Coors LIGHT · BLUE MOON · Evan Williams · SAMUEL ADAMS · THE BUSKER IRISH WHISKEY · Gordon FOOD SERVICE · TippyCow ICE CREAM · CAROLANS IRISH CREAM

E.G. NICK'S OF PLYMOUTH | 500 FOREST AVE. 48170 | (734) 414-6400

Plymouth

Festival

FROM PAGE 1

Saturday and Sunday with hot beverages and snacks," Gietzen said. United Way is located at 960 Ann Arbor Trail.

A new attraction this year is the expected food truck, Nom Nom Ninja, which has a large following and is considered one of the best food trucks in Metro Detroit, Gietzen said.

Of course, the Rotary Bingo game will return and the Party Tent which attracts a huge crowd will again be open in the parking lot behind E.G. Nick's on Forest Street.

"This is just a real community event, designed for families, but with attractions for everyone," Gietzen said. "Our only concern, as always, is the weather."

Track

FROM PAGE 1

have worked for months to put this together at Five Mile and Ridge. It is the only harness racing track that will be in Michigan. I think there needs to be a lot of oversite because the future would appear to be casino/racino gambling which must be passed by our state Legislature."

Heise, however, is enthusiastic about the potential "community partnership" with the racetrack.

"We're flattered that Northville Downs would consider us. I know they looked at other locations," Heise said. He added that the track owners would be "treated like any other developer." Heise said he was optimistic that the township could come to an agreement with Northville Downs to use the large infield space at the proposed track for community events, such as the former 4th of July celebration in the township, sporting events, soccer and car shows. "Things that would benefit the community," he said.

Heise said he was hoping the track could become a recreational asset to the township and said he was confident a mutually beneficial agreement could be negotiated with the track owners.

Stewart, however, said while he would probably vote yes on the project, "to allow them to try" he had serious concerns about the drain on township public safety services and other costs that might not be covered by the fees generated by the track.

Those fees would include breakage fees from betting at the track calculated as the difference in cents between the winning payouts and the nearest dime or nickel in a minus pool situation. If a winning bet is computed to pay $3.12 then the bettor receives $3.10. The breakage of 2 cents is deposited into a fund distributed to the municipality where the track is located. State records report that Northville received $113,501 in breakage fees in 2020 and $214,203 in 2021.

Library offering free COVID-19 testing kits

The Plymouth District Library is offering a lot more than books these days.

Community residents can reserve a free COVID-19 antigen self-test kit by simply calling the library at (734) 453-750 and selecting option four. Once reserved, library officials said, the kits must be picked up the same day from the library hold shelf.

On-demand, walk-in distribution of the kits is not available, according to a prepared statement from the library. Callers may reserve one kit per person in their household. A daily limit of five kits applies, officials said, so if a household has more than five members, the remainder will have to be requested on a second day.

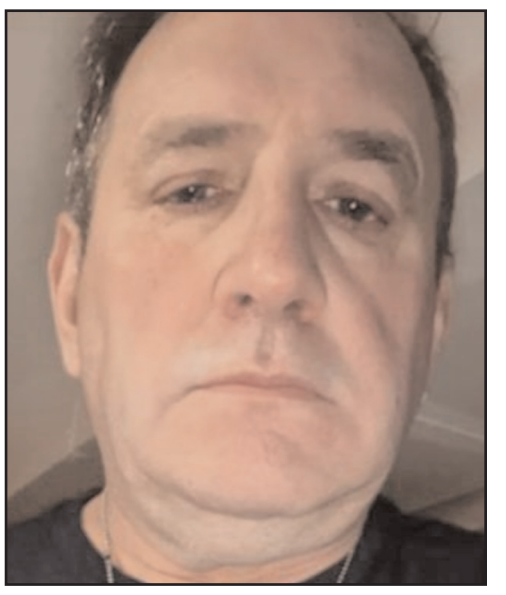
Kits will be available while supplies last. Details are available at plymouthlibrary.org.

Shooting death suspect may have taken own life

The man suspected in the shooting death of a Plymouth woman last week has been found dead of a self- inflicted gunshot wound, according to a police report.

Investigators were actively seeking Michael Anthony Elinski, 59, in connection to the shooting and described him as armed and dangerous. He was found Jan. 20 deceased from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound in Clare, police said.

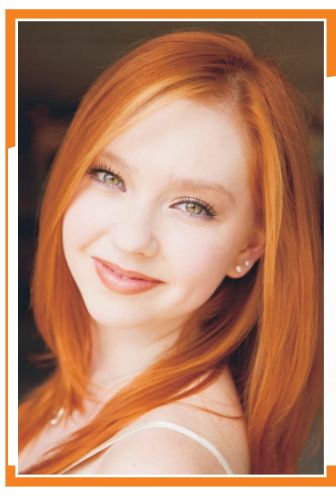
Elinski was suspected in the death of Andrea Grant, 50, whose body was discovered by police in her car at about 9:10 a.m. Jan 19. Officers from the Pittsfield Township Police Department discovered Grant's body riddled with multiple gunshot wounds in a parked car in the 3700 block of Plaza Drive, according to police reports of the incident. Police said they did not believe her death was a random attack. Investigators were actively seeking Elinski in connection to the shooting.



Michael Anthony Elinski

Police have requested that anyone with any information about the shooting or the suspect call the department tip line at (734) 822-4958.

To subscribe to The Eagle visit www.associatednewspapers.net.



MENTION THIS AD GET $10 OFF

Full Service Salon & Spa

- Purely Pro Cosmetics
- Talika Specific Beauty Treatments
- Dermalogica Skin Care Systems
- Moroccan Oil Conditioning
- Keune Products
- European Facials
- Full Waxing Services

Jessie Simcheck Owner & Stylist

Affordable Elegance

Salon Tré Bella V

105 N. Center Street · Northville · (248) 305-9850

trebellav@gmail.com

HAMERINK DENTAL

PERSONALIZED DENTAL CARE

159 South Harvey
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 455-8686

Monday 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Tuesday 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Wednesday 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

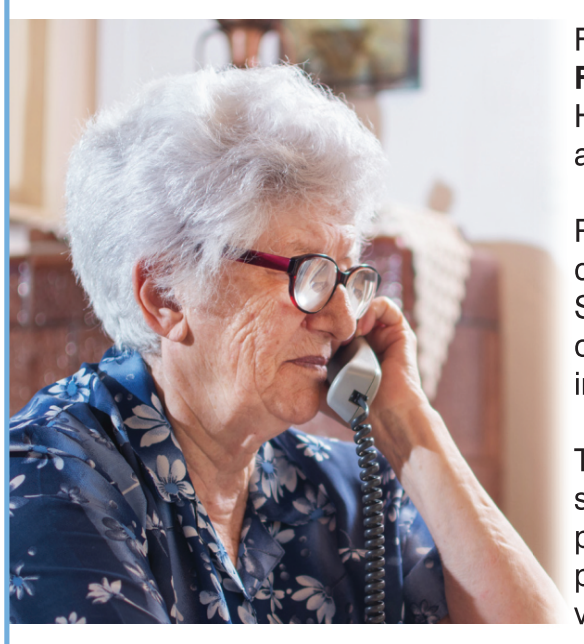
John D. Hamerink, M.S., D.D.S

Howard A. Hamerink, DDS

www.HamerinkDental.com

The Senior Alliance
Live~Age~Grow

Friendly Reassurance Program



Friendly Reassurance is a **FREE** program for HOMEBOUND seniors who are aged 60 years and up!

Regular scheduled phone calls are made from The Senior Alliance, usually by other seniors, to participants in the program.

These calls help to combat social isolation, improve a person's well-being, and provide a warm, **friendly** voice for them to talk with.

Eligibility Requirements

* Be of age 60 or older
* Reside in one of the 34 communities of southern and western Wayne County.
* Access to a landline or cell phone
* Be able to provide an emergency contact

To Learn More
Call (734) 722-2830
or visit
www.thesenioralliance.org

INKSTER - SUMPTER

Defeated candidate faces charge for obscene call

Sheena Barnes, also known as Sheena Devina Green, 62, appeared for arraignment before Judge Brian Oakley in 34th District Court Jan. 12 on charges of malicious use of the telephone.

Barnes, of Sumpter Township, was required by the court to provide a $1,000 personal bond and another court hearing on the charges was to be scheduled. Barnes who posted the bond, appeared in person for the arraignment although she refused to speak with an MIDC (Michigan Indigent Defense Commission) attorney, according to court records.

A failed candidate for Sumpter Township treasurer, Barnes is charged with making the malicious and obscenity riddled call to Sumpter Township Supervisor Tim Bowman last August, prior to the November ballot. In the recorded call she shouted obscenities and expletives at Bowman, and implied threats to him and his wife. After hearing the recording message, Bowman referred the recording to the police department citing harassment, intimidation, and the stated physical threat.

> *"The phone call includes vulgar language, sexual references and racial slurs along with the explicit threat of violence.*

Barnes' call was prompted, according to township officials, by a letter sent to all township businesses in an effort to ensure that all businesses were compliant with local ordinances. reminding the owners that permits are required and that fees must be updated. According to township records at the time of the call, Barnes' barbeque business which she operates from a trailer on her Sumpter Road property, had not been licensed since 2018. According to township officials, her business was, at that time, also lacking up-to-date inspections and permits from the Wayne County Department of Health.

The phone call includes vulgar language, sexual references and racial slurs along with the explicit threat of violence against both Bowman and his wife.

The Sumpter Township police referred the matter to Van Buren Township for investigation in an effort to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest.

No date for Barnes' next court appearance had been set at press time.

Search for new director of Inkster library continues

Area library professionals are asked to check out the open position at the Leanna Hicks Public Library in Inkster.

With the departure of former library director Betty Smith for a job in West Fargo, ND last April, the library board of directors is continuing to search for a new library leader.

The new Leanna Hicks Public Library building opened in March 2021 and serves a population of approximately 25,000 funded primarily through a dedicated 2 mill tax levy.

Inkster is a multicultural community and officials said they work to provide access to "big-city" amenities while retaining a small-town feeling. A small but dedicated staff works to provide excellent customer service resulting in a community that strongly supports the library, according to a statement on the city website soliciting applications for the position.

The position requires an MLS/MLIS from a graduate program accredited by the American Library Association. Additional qualifications include three years of professional library experience in a public library, of which at least two years have been in a management or supervisory position; thorough knowledge of public library service; financial management experience; an understanding of technology and its application in public libraries; strong management skills; excellent communication and interpersonal relationship skills; and the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with diverse groups.

Candidates are also required to have sufficient mobility to work in a library setting operating office equipment and able to lift, push or pull at least 20 pounds with or without reasonable accommodations. Physical demands include stooping, kneeling, crouching, and reaching overhead and horizontally.

This is a full-time position of 40 or more hours per week; however, actual hours may vary and could include some evenings and weekends. The position is offering an annual base salary starting at $58,000 and up to $60,000 negotiable based on experience with a 90-day probationary period, officials said.

Benefits include healthcare, paid personal days, and up to a $3,500 retirement matching plan.

Additional information about the library can be found at www.inkster.lib.mi.us.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Electronic submissions are required. Interested individuals should forward a cover letter addressing the position requirements, a resume, and three references with contact information.

Electronic submissions and requests for additional information should be directed to Leanna Hicks Public Library Board at twilliams@inksterlibrary.org. Use the email provided for any questions.

6th Annual
"Curling Royale"
in
Downtown
Romulus

Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 3:00 pm
(This event is pending ice freezing weather. The backup date is the next Saturday: February 18, 2023)

Mary Ann Banks Park
37200 Goddard Road, Romulus, MI 48174

TEAM registration $25 per person
Registration begins at 2:00 pm

Great Lakes BURN CAMP

*All proceeds of this fun event will help fund the "Great Lakes Burn Camp for Kids"
(Please make checks payable to: Great Lakes Burn Camp)

4-Person Teams - $100 per team
Pre-registration strongly suggested before spots fill up.
We have limited spots available this year.
Sign-up your team in advance by calling (734) 942-7571
NO experience necessary!
Snacks and refreshments available for purchase
(*This event pending freezing weather)

*Join us for a special Happy Hour at Artisan Reserve following the event

mlambert

Northville - Romulus

Grief center awarded $50,000 Dunning grant

New Hope Center for Grief Support received a grant of $50,000 from The Margaret Dunning Foundation. The grant, to be paid over two years. will be used to support New Hope's First Steps program for those in the early stages of grief following the loss of a loved one.

"We couldn't accomplish all we want to do in our community without the generosity of The Margaret Dunning Foundation," said New Hope Executive Director Jennifer Frush.

First Steps provides the first in-person contact for grievers offering them a safe place to share their story and understand more about grief, Frush explained. "The program provides an opportunity for grievers to connect with one of our facilitators that is close in age and has experienced a similar loss, learn about all New Hope's bereavement services; find their place at one of the New Hope workshops and get connected to one of New Hope's age- and loss-specific peer support groups," she said.

Frush said that attendance at all New Hope core programs has more than doubled, seeing a 172 percent increase in the number of grievers from 2021 to 2022. Fifty percent of those grievers went on to seek support from other New Hope programs.

"With the generous support of The Margaret Dunning Foundation, New Hope will be able to continue to support First Steps. This award will allow New Hope to continue to work to alleviate grief, trauma, and isolation within our community brought about by the death of a loved one," Frush added.

The Margaret Dunning Foundation was founded by Ms. Dunning in 1997. She was born in 1910 in Redford Township and moved with her mother to Plymouth in the 1920s. During her lifetime, Ms. Dunning was a successful businesswoman, philanthropist, and civic booster. She was a major supporter of many Plymouth nonprofits, including the Plymouth District Library and the Plymouth Historical Society. In addition to her personal philanthropy, Ms. Dunning was a classic car enthusiast and was a regular participant in the Woodward Dream Cruise with her 1930 Packard 740 Roadster.

Ms. Dunning died in 2015 at the age of 104. Her estate provided additional funding for The Margaret Dunning Foundation, which continues to support her charitable interests and legacy. For more information: www.margaretdunningfdn.org.

Curling Royale tournament registration now open

Romulus Mayor Robert McCraight is hoping for a "sweeping success" during the Sixth Annual Curling Royale Tournament this year.

This year the event is a charity fundraiser for the Great Lakes Burn Camp For Kids and team registration is already under way for the event which will begin at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 at Mary Ann Banks Park in the city.

There has to be ice at the park pond for the event and if Mother Nature hasn't provided cold enough temperatures, the event will be moved to Feb. 18 at the same time and location, organizers said. Because of the growing popularity of the sport, there are limited spots available and pre-registration is strongly suggested, organizers said. Sign up is available at (734) 942-7571 and no experience is necessary.

Former Curling Royale players enjoy the game at Mary Ann Banks Park. The event this year is set for Feb. 11.

Curling is a sport in which players slide stones on a sheet of ice toward a target area which is segmented into four concentric circles. It is described as a unique mix of shuffleboard and bowling on ice, with the strategy of chess thrown in for good measure. Curling features two four-person teams who alternate sliding a large stone across the ice toward a bull's-eye 126 feet away.

Each game consists of 10 "ends" or periods (like innings in baseball), in which teams take turns sliding 42-pound polished granite stones across a sheet of ice toward a bull's-eye of four concentric circles 12 feet in diameter. The bull's-eye is called the "house," and its center is the "tee."

When players slide their stones, they use a special technique that involves a twist of the wrist. As the stone slides across the ice, it will "curl" or curve much like a bowling ball hooks down the lane at a bowling alley. As the stone curls toward its intended target, the other three team members use special brooms to sweep the surface of the ice in the stone's path, which can cause the stone to change both speed and direction.

The sweeping motion creates friction, which melts the ice and creates a thin layer of water that makes the stone curl less and travel farther. Sweeping can help a stone travel up to 15 feet farther, experts estimate.

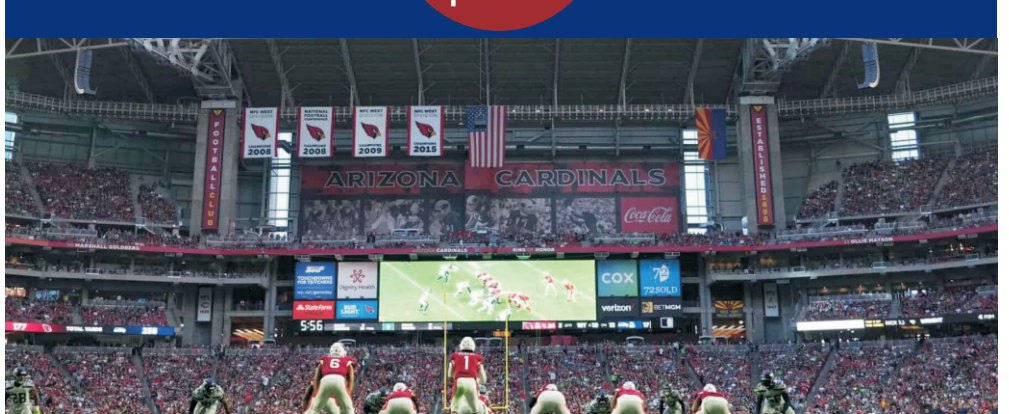
Team registration is $25 and, if still available on tournament day, will begin at 2 p.m. Snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase. Following the event, a special Happy Hour is planned at Artisan Reserve.

E.G. NICK'S

14th ANNUAL SUPER BOWL PARTY
DOORS OPEN AT 5P.M.

PRICE INCLUDES
GRAND BUFFET
2 DRINK TICKETS
PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS

SUNDAY Only $55 FEBRUARY 12TH



TICKETS AVAILABLE AT E.G. NICK'S OF DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (734) 414-6400
SEE STORE FOR DETAILS